GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PURCHASE OF MIG-AT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has rejected MIG-AT and have favoured Yak-130 being an all purpose combat fighter as well as a jet training aircraft;

(b) if so, whether the Government would review its interest in purchasing Russia`s MIG-AT; and

(c) if not, the reasons and justification therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): As per the latest media reports the Russian Air Force is planning to adopt both MIG-AT and Yak-130 as a trainer for their Air Force. The Indian Air Force has evaluated MIG-AT but this has not met some of the essential parameters laid down by Indian Air Force for the AJT.